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1. ON JANUARY 5, THE LAFTA SECRETARIAT PUBLISHED THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS TO COMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT #10 (OFFICE EQUIPMENT). THESE PROTOCOLS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING THE 17TH. ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER. ON DECEMBER 22, 1977, THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECLARED THE PROTOCOLS TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TREATY OF MONTEVIDEO. THEY ENTERED INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 21, 1978. COPIES OF EACH OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS ARE BEING POUCHED TO ARA/ECP.

2. THESE THREE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS ARE THE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND MEXICO. THEY PROVIDE, IN PART, FOR THE ADDITION OF 17 NEW PRODUCTS TO THE AGREEMENT. OF THESE 17 NEWLY ADDED PRODUCT CATEGORIES, TRADE CONCESSIONS WERE NEGOTIATED ON 12 BY ARGENTINA AND MEXICO. CONCESSIONS ON THE OTHER 5 PRODUCTS WILL BE NEGOTIATED AT A LATER STAGE. BRAZIL WILL BENEFIT BY THESE CONCESSIONS WHEN IT GRANTS ACCEPTABLE RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS TO ARGENTINA AND MEXICO.

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3. ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROTOCOLS IS THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN THE NOMENCLATURE AND DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THE NEGOTIATED PRODUCTS WITHIN THE AGREEMENT. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, ITEM 39.07.0.99 WAS DESCRIBED AS "ROLLS OF RIGID POLYVINYL CHLORIDE TAPE WITH ONE OF ITS SIDES GUMMED AND COVERED BY A PROTECTIVE TAPE, USED

FOR EMBOSSING MACHINES.-#7 04959:9)
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THE FOLLOWING "OBSERVATION" TO THE ITEM'S DESCRIPTION," IN
SPOOLS OR CASSETTES OR IN REELS OF ANY SIZE."

4. ONE OF THE 17 ITEMS NEWLY ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT IS ITEM
98.08.0.01 "RIBBONS". ARGENTINA NEGOTIATED A RATE OF 10
PERCENT AD VALOREM FOR "NYLON-COATED RIBBONS IN SPOOLS
OR IN CASSETTES OR IN REELS;" AND A RATE OF 12 PERCENT
AD VALOREM FOR "HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-COATED RIBBONS IN
SPOOLS OR IN CASSETTES OR IN REELS." MEXICO NEGOTIATED
A RATE OF 13 PERCENT AD VALOREM FOR BOTH OF THESE
TYPES.
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